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- (a) The Plan shall identify all areas designated by the Department as areas of critical State concern.
- (b) Each county shall recommend to the Department those areas in the county that should be designated as areas of critical State concern.
- (c) Before designating an area as an area of critical State concern, the Secretary shall consult with and consider any recommendations submitted by affected political subdivisions.
- (d) The Secretary may adopt regulations for the political subdivisions to use in recommending areas to be designated as areas of critical State concern.

# (e) The Department shall:

- (1) furnish to the governing body of each affected political subdivision the full text of each proposed designation of an area as an area of critical State concern;
- (2) give each political subdivision affected by a proposed designation at least 45 days to review and comment on the proposed designation; and
- (3) publish its designation of areas of critical State concern, together with all written comments received from political subdivisions regarding the areas designated.

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